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MARKER FOR GUIDING
DEPLOYMENT OF
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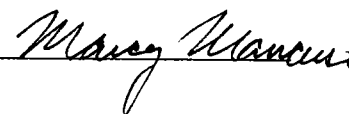
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2008, and in response to the Advisory Action mailed on April 3, 2009, please consider the present Amendment and Response in lieu of the Amendment and Response which was filed on February 25, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination and a petition for a one month extension of time are being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 10 of the present Amendment.